

University of Wisconsin
History 600
“Political Scandals in Historical Perspective”

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Waiting List Application

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THE SEMINAR TOPIC:

This undergraduate seminar will look at the definition and consequences of “political scandals” in history. We will examine the role of political opposition groups, the effect of media; social mores and attitudes about corruption and governance; and, finally, attempt to answer the question: Do political scandals, in the long run, make any difference in the political histories of nations?

BASIC REQUIREMENTS:

We will meet one day a week for two hours. Attendance is required. No more than two absences will be allowed – one excused (notice must be given at least two days before class) and one emergency, unexcused ... if absolutely necessary Failure to attend regularly will result in a grade of “F,” regardless of your performance on the various assignments over the term.

Reading assignments may involve hundreds of pages a week. Each (and every) week there will be a short written assignment to insure that the reading is completed on time. The assignments will vary in length from short summaries of the readings (2-3 pages) to short analytical essays (5-10 pages) to the occasional longer paper (10-12 pages) requiring some outside research. These short written assignments must be completed by class-time. No exceptions. The seminar situation requires that everyone be prepared to participate in the discussion. Although it is not mandatory that each student contribute each week, regular participation is assumed to be a minimum prerequisite for a good grade. Finally, a longer research paper (20 - 30 pages) will be due at the end of the term. It will be an extension of one of the weekly papers already completed.

Application for Admission to History 600 Seminar (Sharpless Section)

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____ Student ID # _____

Major: _____ Year of Study: _____

Preferred Interview time/day (see below): _____

Relevant Coursework: _____

Comments: _____
